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Memphis Shelby Crime Commission E-NEWSLETTER

\$6.1 Million Grant to Support Recruitment and Retention of Memphis Police Officers

Earlier this month, Memphis Mayor Jim Strickland announced at a press conference a four-year \$6.1 million grant to support recruitment and retention of Memphis police officers. He was joined by Crime Commission President Bill Gibbons, Shelby County District Attorney and Operation: Safe Community Chair Amy Weirich, and Crime Commission Board Chair Ben Adams. These earmarked funds received by the Crime Commission represent an unprecedented commitment by the private sector to support local law enforcement. The funds are earmarked for use by the City of Memphis for programs geared primarily to providing retention bonuses and referral bonuses to police officers. The grant agreement was unanimously approved by the Memphis City Council. This opportunity advances significantly the goal of the Operation: Safe Community Crime Plan 2017-2021 to resolve shortages in local law enforcement staffing. The Crime Commission is pleased to be a part of this effort with the City of Memphis and the Memphis private sector community.



VIOLENT CRIME CONTINUES TO DROP

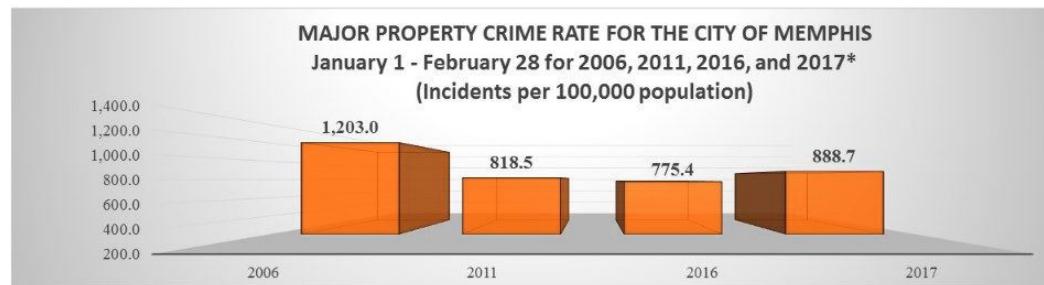
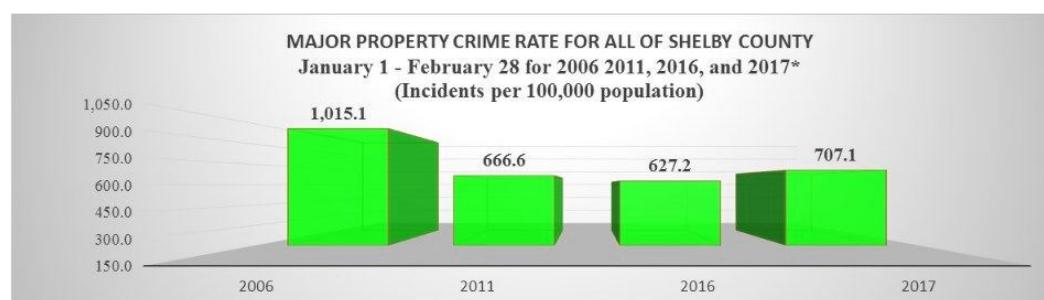
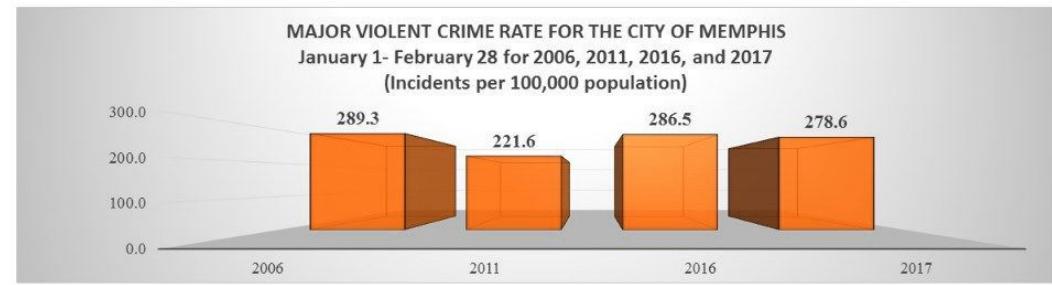
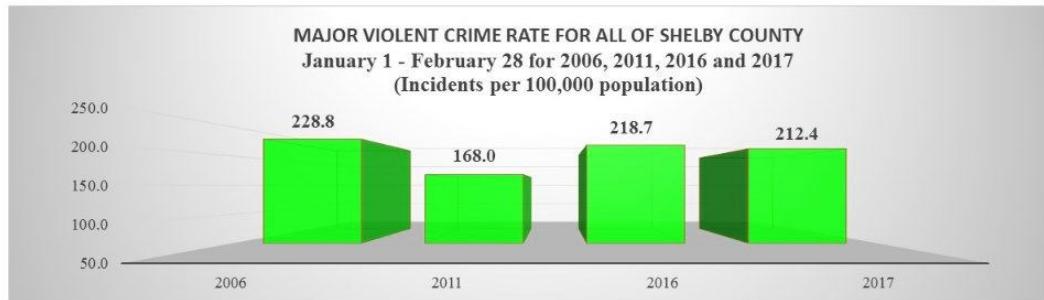
For the second straight month, major violent crime is down in both the City of Memphis and all of Shelby County compared to 2016, based on preliminary data from the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation's (T.B.I.'s) Incident Based Reporting System (TIBRS).

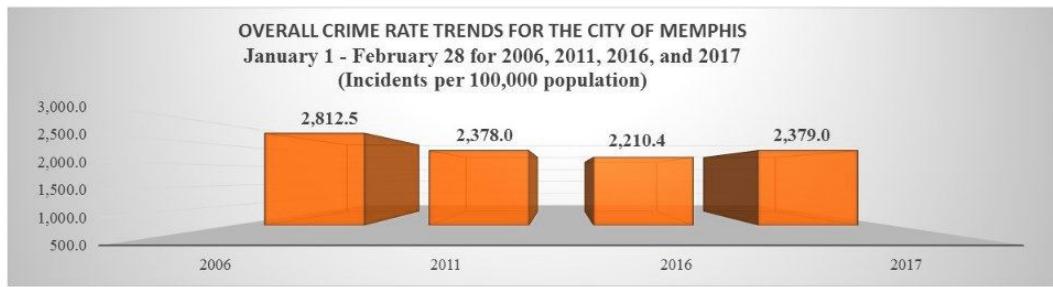
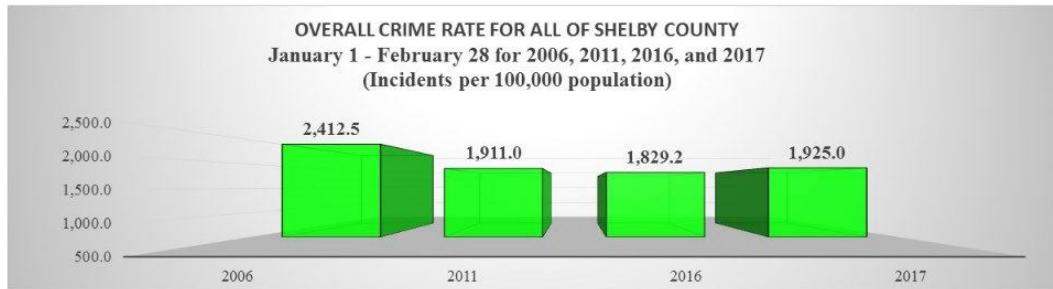
In Memphis, for January and February, the major violent crime rate dropped 2.8 percent compared to the first two months of 2016. In all of Shelby County, the decline was 2.9 percent. Major violent crimes include murders, rapes, robberies, and aggravated assaults. (Under the T.B.I.'s system, murder includes the intentional, non-justifiable killing of a person. Not every homicide is a murder.)

Major property crimes (composed of burglaries, motor vehicle thefts, and other felony thefts) increased in January and February of this year compared to the first two months of 2016 by 14.6 percent in Memphis and 12.7 percent countywide. The major cause continues to be an uptick in motor vehicle thefts. For ten straight years (2007-2016), the major property crime rate has trended downward, with a total drop of over 30 percent in both Memphis and countywide.

The TBI also tracks 54 different categories of crime making up the overall "Group A" crime rate. This overall crime rate has dropped by approximately 20 percent in the past ten years (2007-2016) but showed an increase during the first two months of 2017 compared to 2016, with a 7.6 percent increase in Memphis and a 5.2 percent increase in all of Shelby County.

See the following charts for more detailed crime rate comparisons.





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